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## **Service Announces Initiation of Five-Year Reviews for 14 Species Listed Under the Endangered Species Act**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announced today the initiation of 5-year status reviews of 14 southwestern species listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act). The Service conducts these reviews to ensure that the classification of each species on the Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants as threatened or endangered is accurate.

Based on review results, the Service will determine whether the listing status of any of these species should be changed. These reviews are non-regulatory, resulting only in a recommendation. Any subsequent changes in status must undergo a full rulemaking process. The Service expects to complete the reviews by the end of fiscal year 2011.

The Service is initiating reviews of 6 plants: Lee pincushion cactus, Sneed pincushion cactus, star cactus, Texas prairie dawn-flower, Texas trailing phlox, and white bladderpod; 2 birds: northern aplomado falcon and whooping crane; 4 fishes: Gila trout, loach minnow, Rio Grande silvery minnow, and spikedace; 1 mammal: Hualapai Mexican vole; and 1 snail: Alamosa springsnail.

A 5-year review considers all new information available at the time of the review. These reviews will consider the best scientific and commercial data that has become available since the current listing determination or most recent status review of each species, such as:

- A. Species biology, including but not limited to population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics, and genetics;
- B. Habitat conditions, including but not limited to amount, distribution, and suitability;
- C. Conservation measures that have been implemented to benefit the species;
- D. Threat status and trends; and
- E. Other new information, data, or corrections, including but not limited to taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants, and improved analytical methods.

The Service is requesting the public send any information that has become available since the original listing of each of these species. To ensure consideration in this status review, please send your written information by June 28. However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time. To learn how and where to submit information visit the Southwest Region's web site at: <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/index.html>, and see the Public Comments Section in the Federal Register notice.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals and commitment to public service. For more information on our work and the people who make it happen, visit [www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov).

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